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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC DOWN 4.2% IN APRIL

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 15, 1991 -- Airline passenger traffic decreased 4.2 percent in April, compared with the same month last year, and was down 6.9 percent for the first four months of 1991, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic decreased 2.0 percent in April. Available seat miles were down 5.1 percent. The passenger load factor averaged 62.2 percent, up from 60.3 percent for April, 1990. Passenger enplanements declined 3.2 percent to 33.6 million.

In international service, traffic in April was down 11.1 percent. Available seat miles decreased 10.3 percent. The load factor averaged 67.4 percent, compared with 68.1 percent for April 1990. 2.8 million passengers were enplaned in April 1991, down 14.3 percent from the same period last year.

For the first four months of 1991, domestic traffic decreased 4.4 percent, and available seat miles were down 4.1 percent. The load factor decreased slightly to 58.9 percent. Passenger enplanements were down 5.0 percent, with 126.3 million passengers.

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International traffic for the first four months of 1991 was down 14.8 percent. The available seat miles declined 6.6 percent, and the load factor averaged 59.9 percent, down from 65.6 percent last year. The number of passengers decreased 17.1 percent to 10.1 million.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

APRIL 1991 - 1990

	APRIL			YEAR TO DATE		
	1990	1991	PERCENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	34,680	33,569	(3.2)	133,011	126,320	(5.0)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	27,780,076	27,214,683	(2.0)	107,074,047	102,352,909	(4.4)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	46,105,086	43,740,261	(5.1)	181,020,244	173,671,986	(4.1)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	60.3	62.2		59.2	58.9	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,218	2,759	(14.3)	12,220	10,129	(17.1)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	8,712,145	7,743,349	(11.1)	32,888,306	28,013,810	(14.8)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	12,800,222	11,480,227	(10.3)	50,108,776	46,791,959	(6.6)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	68.1	67.4		65.6	59.9	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	37,898	36,328	(4.1)	145,231	136,449	(6.0)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	36,492,221	34,958,032	(4.2)	139,962,353	130,366,719	(6.9)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	58,905,308	55,220,488	(6.3)	231,129,020	220,463,945	(4.6)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	62.0	63.3		60.6	59.1	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICA WEST, AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, SOUTHWEST TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990				
January	33,727,179	58,813,269	57.3	34,072
February	31,540,592	53,262,638	59.2	33,182
March	38,202,361	60,147,805	63.5	40,079
April	36,492,221	58,905,308	62.0	37,898
May	37,193,764	61,056,944	60.9	37,876
June	41,305,346	61,401,163	67.3	40,451
July	43,921,303	64,709,470	67.9	41,735
August	46,593,409	65,402,556	71.2	44,489
September	36,520,229	60,761,698	60.1	35,468
October	37,501,512	62,252,748	60.2	38,026
November	34,440,984	58,487,977	58.9	35,830
December	35,816,112	60,022,794	59.7	35,872
TOTAL 1990	453,255,012	725,224,370	62.5	454,978
Jan - Apr	139,962,353	231,129,020	60.6	145,231
1991				
January	33,156,624	58,193,604	57.0	33,323
February	28,316,890	50,280,426	56.3	30,859
March	33,935,173	56,769,427	59.8	35,939
April	34,958,032	55,220,488	63.3	36,328
TOTAL 1991	130,366,719	220,463,945	59.1	136,449

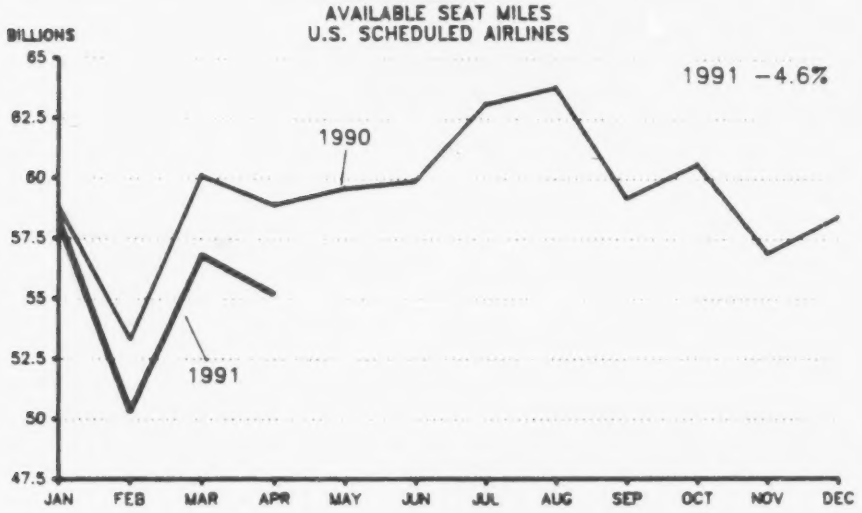
	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1991/1990			
April	-4.2	-6.3	-4.1
Jan - April	-6.9	-4.6	-6.0

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES

CAPACITY

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR

PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES